THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The following schemes/projects sanctioned during the 7th Five Year Plan under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Brackishwater Fish Farm Development", are being continued during 1990-91 for the development of brackishwater prawn/fish farming:

(i) Three Brackishwater Fish Farmers' Development Agencies in the districts of Krishna, Nellore and Srikakulam;

(ii) Three brackishwater prawn farms at Polekkuru-Phase-I (50 ha.) Polekkuru-Phase-II (30 ha.) and Konuru-Peddapatnam (57ha.); and

(iii) A pilot prawn seed hatchery at Surya-lanka for production of 25 million tiger prawn seed per annum on full development.

Farmers living Below Poverty Line in Himachal Pradesh

1071. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of small and marginal farmers living below the poverty line in Himachal Pradesh at present;

(b) whether any developmental schemes have been launched to improve the lot of the farmers there; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) According to 1985-86 Agricultural Census, the number of marginal and small holdings in Himachal Pradesh are 4,63,000 and 1,55,000 respectively. As regards the number of small and marginal farmers living below the poverty line, no such statistics are collected by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation. However, according to provisional results of 43rd round of NSS, 4.39 lakh of rural population in Himachal Pradesh are below the poverty line.

(b) and (c) Schemes of Government for increasing agricultural production and productivity benefit the farmers. For those below the poverty line programmes like IRDP for self-employment and JRY for wage employment are also under implementation in Himachal Pradesh. Under IRDP number of families assisted in Himachal Pradesh in 1989-90 was 30417. The allocation under JRY for Himachal Pradesh in 1989-90 was of the order of Rs. 1153.50 lakh including State share.

Boundary Walls and Community Halls in Munirka

1072. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority has agreed to the construction of boundary walls and community centres in various DDA colonies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Residents Welfare/Apartment Owners Associations in Munirka, New Delhi have represented to the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi and Delhi Development Authority for construction of boundary wall to segregate the DDA flats in Munirka from the Munirka Village as has been done in the case of Munirka Vihar and also for construction of a Community Hall; and

(d) if so, by when these amenities are likely to be provided to the residents of the area?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) In September 1989, the DDA had decided that housing pockets of DDA which have not

yet been handed over to MCD will be provided boundary walls and community halls at the request of the respective Associations.

Yes, Sir.

(d) Since the services of Munirka Housing Complex have already been transferred to MCD, the facility of boundary walls/community halls cannot be provided by the DDA at this stage.

Use of Janata Type Flats in Keshava Puram for Commercial Purposes

1073. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he Janata type flats in pocket C-4. Keshavapuram (Lawrence Road) Delhi, which are meant only for residential purposes, several flats have been converted into business establishments like general stores, milk-selling booths, typewriting schools and other vending shops, and some property dealers are also operating in the area;

(b) if so, whether steps would be initiated to get such business establishments closed and make the pocket a residential area;

(c) whether it is also a fact that unauthorised extension have been made and are being made in several of the Janata flats;

(d) whether orders would be issued for dismantling unauthorised extensions or for cancellation of allotments of the above flats; and

(e) whether a permanent vigilance post would be kept in the above DDA area to prevent misuse of the flats?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that some misuses have come to its notice and they have taken legal cognizance of the same.

(c) to (e) Municipal Corporation of Delhi has reported that where such Acts have been noticed, action under the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 has been taken and that it is neither necessary nor feasible to set up a permanent vigilance post for separate localities.

Technology Break-through in Oilseeds Production

1074. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to increase the production of oilseeds in the country to meet the growing demand for edible oils;

(b) whether any technology breakthrough has been achieved to substantially increase the oilseeds crops on the line of the green revolution in wheat; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to achieve such a break-through?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is being implemented in important oilseeds growing States to increase the production of oilseeds. The scheme provides financial assistance to the States for production and distribution of seed, plant protection measures, supply of improved farm implements and organising field demonstration of improved technology etc.

(b) and (c) A number of high yielding varieties/hybrids of oilseeds crop alongwith their production technology have been developed in the recent past. However, oilseeds being energy rich crops which are generally grown on marginal and submarginal lands under rainfed conditions, realisation of potential yield as in wheat may not be expected under such conditions.